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TO: County Officials
FROM: Joanne Moore, Director
DATE: October 7, 2015
RE: PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AGGRAVATED MURDER COSTS

The Extraordinary Criminal Justice Costs Act (RCW 43.330.190) establishes a procedure for counties to request state reimbursement for costs incurred in aggravated murder cases. A petition form to apply for aggravated murder case cost reimbursement for 2015 is available at www.opd.wa.gov.

Pursuant to the Extraordinary Criminal Justice Costs Act, the petition is submitted to the Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD), which will consult with the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to develop a prioritized funding list for the Legislature.

The petition deadline is Friday, December 11, 2015. Supplemental petition information for November and December expenses can be submitted to OPD by Friday, January 8, 2016.

Please contact Gideon Newmark at gideon.newmark@opd.wa.gov or (360) 586-3164, ext. 105 if you have any questions or would like to discuss the petition process (e-mail preferred).